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Customer No.: 31561 Docket No.: 12619-US-452 Application No.: 10/707,109

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| Request | Application No. | : 10/707,109 | | |
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| For | | : November 21, 2003 | | |
| Continued Examination | First Named Inventor | : Noriyoshi Munenaga | | |
| (RCE) | | : 1745 | | |
| Transmittal | Examiner | : MERCADO, JULIAN A. | | |
| Address To: Commissioner for Patents Customer Service Window Mail Stop <u>RCE</u> Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314 | Attorney Docket No. | : 12619-US-452 | | |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114.

| a. | [] Previously submitted () Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed | | | | | |
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| b. | on () Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [V] Enclosed (X)Preliminary Amendment in (14) page(s). () Other Documents in () page(s). | | | | | |

2. Miscellaneous

| | [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of month(s). |
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| b. | Associate Power of Attorney. |

3. Fees are calculated as follows:

| | NUMBER FILED | CLAIMS FILED HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
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| | | IMIDIC | | | \$ 790 | s | 790 |
| Basic Fee | | | | =0 | × \$ 50 | =\$ | 0 |
| Total Claims | 18 | MINUS | 20 | | | | 600 |
| Independent | 6 | MINUS | 3 | = 3 | × \$ 200 | =\$ | φυυ |
| Claims | | | | | Time Extension Fee | - \$ | 0 |
| [] month(s) e | xtension of time is | hereby reque | sted. | | Total: | | 1390 |

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a. [x] Please charge the fee in the amount of \$1390 as calculated above to account No. 50-2620 (Order No.: 12619-US-452).

b. If the payment is not fully covered in response thereof, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with the filing of this paper to account No.: 50-2620 (Order No.: 12619-US-452).

Respectfully Submitted,

Date:

March 21, 2007

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